

XM Radio should be allowed to continue serving local traffic and weather. I listen to XM Radio because I like listening to music without being subjected to numerous advertisements or obnoxious morning shows. It also provides a wide variety of music, unlike what can be heard on broadcast radio. I listen to the XM traffic and weather station for my area because it is the best traffic and weather coverage in my area. It is accessible instantly at all times, and provides detailed coverage at an unhurried pace that I can understand. FM and AM radio broadcast to public listeners. XM Radio does not broadcast its stations to the public, it serves them to subscribers. People like me choose to subscribe to XM Radio because it provides content and quality that broadcast radio does not.

Yes, XM Radio is a substitute for broadcast radio. However, it should not be penalized for providing a better service that consumers find to be worth their money and choose to pay for. XM Radio should be allowed to compete unhindered in a free-economy market. Anything less would be unamerican.

Reject petition 04-160, and let consumers choose for themselves what radio programming to hear.